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## Briefly

### Burris to speak

Illinois Attorney General Roland Burris will be a featured speaker at the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church continues its Black History Month celebration. Burris will talk at the Sunday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m. worship service at New Salem, 1248 Klein St., Venice.

That service will also feature a special Black history presentation by the New Salem Youth Choir.

The church's month-long Black history celebration also will include, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, a special history program by the New Salem Adult Choir.

### Workshop set

The Madison County Urban League and Madison County Community Development will sponsor a workshop on how to buy a home. It will be held from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at the Nameoki Township Hall, 4250 Illinois 162.

Diane Blasa and Gary Kessler of Metro Savings will speak on varied programs available for owning a home.

For more information, directions or to register, persons may call Linda at the Urban League, 577-9870.

### RSVP breakfast

Belleview Area College's Retired Senior Volunteer Program will host a men's recruitment breakfast Friday, Feb. 25.

Information on various volunteer opportunities will be available. Men, 55 and older, are encouraged to stop by for coffee and rolls and learn about volunteer needs in the community.

Breakfast will be served from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road, in the Eagle's Nest dining room.

### Gospel singing

Harvest Assembly Church on Illinois 162 in Pontoon Beach will present gospel singing by the King's Messengers at 7 p.m. today, Feb. 17. The Rev. Skeeter Jones is the pastor.

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## Deaths

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## 75 years ago

Prompt action by the Hard Road committee of the Granite City Commercial Club and area farmers has probably averted an attempt to change the proposed hard-road route between here and Edwardsville from Stallings Road to a new road about to be constructed by way of Pog Station.

## Trivia

Tuesday was the birthday of St. Louis. How old is the city?

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## Chief: Drugs rampant here City among leaders in drug-related arrests

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Illegal drugs and other crimes associated with them are rampant in Granite City, the police chief says.

"To you and to the public, this town has a serious drug problem," Chief Jim Lengyel told the City Council Tuesday night.

Lengyel said the comment was made in response to a comment from a woman who told him that Granite City has no drug problem and that the city should not commit a man to the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois (MEGI). One Granite City officer is assigned to MEGI.

Lengyel later said that he has heard from a number of people that Granite City has no drug problem, but said that claim is just not true.

To back up his statement, Lengyel revealed statistics compiled by MEGI, a joint undercover drug enforcement group made up of officers from participating departments.

In 1993, Lengyel said, MEGI agents made more than 200 arrests in 39 cities.

Twenty-two of those arrests were in Granite City, giving the city the dubious honor

along with Washington Park, where 22 arrests were made of having the most MEGI arrests last year.

Only in East St. Louis, where a five-man drug unit works full time, were there more drug-related arrests, Lengyel said. He said 23 such arrests were made in East St. Louis last year.

As a result of those 22 Granite City arrests and related investigations, MEGI agents confiscated about 7½ pounds of cocaine, 351 pounds of marijuana, about 10,000 pharmaceutical pills, 55 grams of crack cocaine and 15 grams of heroin in a period of about 14 months, Lengyel said.

He said that the increasing availability of drugs has also increased the prevalence of related crimes.

The Police Department is aware of at least 10 known prostitutes and 15 to 20 known crack-cocaine dealers working in the city, the chief said.



Lengyel

## Huntco bails out Madison Firm agrees to pay \$500,000 for plant

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

Huntco Steel Co. has agreed to purchase the Madison plant from the city for \$500,000.

"This is the end of the rainbow we have been looking for," said Madison Mayor John Belcoff. "The half-million dollars will keep us alive and keep (Comptroller) Jeanne (Weidner) and me from calling the bank all the time to make sure (the city's) checks won't bounce."

"But even with this 'pot of gold' there is no surplus money in the city," Mayor Belcoff said. "Weidner said a 'large chunk' of the money will be used to repay the money the city has borrowed from its own special funds, including \$100,000 borrowed from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, \$70,000 borrowed from the Alarm Department Fund and \$40,000 borrowed from its Motor Fuel Tax Fund."

He said other city funds currently showing a deficit, such as the Recreation Fund, will be brought into the black.

Currently, all the city's funds are kept in a single bank account, but Weidner said the money from the sale will enable the city to set up separate accounts for each fund — a move directed by the aldermen last year.

In conjunction with the sale, the Springfield, Mo.-based company said the Madison Huntco plant, located in the Stephen Macraes Industrial Park, will undergo a \$3 million expansion that will result in about 14 new jobs by the end of this year.

Paul Green, comptroller for Huntco, said a date for closing the plant has not yet been set, but said it should take place "very soon."

Green said the expansion will begin immediately after the closing and the target date for opening the new line is October.

Huntco plans to add a third processing line to its Madison plant and "speed up" its closing as well, Green said. He said two shifts of operators and at least one supervisor will be added to operate the new line.

Huntco Steel's Madison facility produces hot rolled, pickled and oiled and cold rolled steel for use by a variety of manufacturers of steel products.

Under the terms of the Huntco bid accepted Tuesday by the City Council, Huntco will pay the city \$500,000 in cash at the time of closing as well as reimbursing the city for appraisal fees of not less than \$2,500 and attorney fees of not less than \$3,500.

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## Madison amends trash law Residents complain about cash requirement

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

The Madison City Council admits there are still a few bugs in the city's billing system for trash collection, but is taking steps to get rid of a few of them.

The city Tuesday established a \$8-a-month trash collection fee in August, but the first billing, for September through December, was mailed Friday.

Most of the aldermen reported that, by Saturday, they were receiving complaints about the bills as fast as they could answer the telephone. The majority of the complaints concerned the "cash only" payment requirement.

The aldermen voted Tuesday to instruct the City Hall office to begin accepting checks and to

amend the trash fee ordinance to allow payment by check and to charge \$20 for returned checks.

Persons who have a returned check will no longer be able to pay by check.

The aldermen also agreed to amend the ordinance to allow trash fees to be abated for vacant dwellings.

To receive the abatement, the dwelling must be vacant for an entire calendar month. City trash containers will be removed from vacant property.

The ordinance was also amended to establish procedures to place a lien against any residence with outstanding trash bills. The amendments are to be made retroactive to September.

Mayor John Belcoff said City Hall will immediately begin accepting checks for payment of

the trash bills and will grant exemptions for vacant dwellings.

The City Council also agreed to have the Street Committee meet "as soon as possible" to address other concerns about the billing system such as provisions for exempting some forms of sleeping rooms.

City Attorney Casper Nghossian warned, however, that amending the ordinance to solve a specific problem in one case has the likelihood of causing still more problems in other cases.

"You can end up with a code as thick as the IRS (Internal Revenue Service code) and still not deal with everything that can come up," Nghossian said.

"You need to be careful that solving a problem over here doesn't cause more problems over there."

## Ambulance fee to double

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Ambulance fees will double in Granite City over the next three years.

The Granite City Council voted 8-6 Tuesday to approve an ordinance that will double the rates for users of the city's ambulance service by March 1, 1997.

The current rates will increase by about one-third on March 1 of this year and then by another third in 18 months (on Sept. 1, 1996). The final increase, bringing fees to double the current rate, will take place on March 1, 1997.

Aldermen Craig Tarpoff, chairman of the aldermanic Fire and Water Committee, said ambulance rates will still remain lower than those of other services in this area.

Tarpoff estimated the cost of the ambulance service to the city at almost \$700,000 per year.

Ambulance user fees produce between \$225,000 and \$250,000 in revenue each year, resulting in a yearly net loss of more than \$400,000, Tarpoff said.

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

**Tour guides** — Faculty members from Prather Elementary School — from left, Nicki Stagman, Martha Steiner, Jan Greathouse and Kathy Haggert — stand in front of the portable planetarium they brought to the school earlier this month. See today's People Page, Page 5A, for story.

## Panels to study city streamlining

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Mayor Ron Selph wants to know how aldermen feel about the recommendations made in a professional efficiency study completed last year.

Selph has asked various City Council committees to review the suggestions made in the Melville Strategic Management Review of Granite City and Granite City Township Operations.

He asked the committees on Tuesday night to meet with department heads, evaluate information in the report, and make recommendations on the suggestions by July 1.

"A lot of attention has been focused recently on the recommendations of the Melville study or Melville report."

"I think it is worthwhile to consider all of these recommendations, obviously, but the bulk of them concentrate on procedural or administrative

"I don't necessarily agree with all of the reports of the Melville study, but there are certain things that need to be considered."

— Mayor Ron Selph

changes," Selph said.

While Selph has already acted on some of the suggestions, such as increased emphasis on code enforcement, he said he is constantly looking at ways to improve city services and efficiency.

"I don't necessarily agree with all of the reports of the Melville study, but there are certain things that need to be considered," he said.

The mayor asked the Finance Committee to review recommendations regarding the city treasurer and city comptroller. Among the high-priority recommendations are implementing short-term and long-term fiscal improvement plans.

Recommendations regarding planning and code enforcement were referred to the Planning and Zoning and Economic Development committees.

The high-priority items include consolidation of the upgrading of the planning and code enforcement functions and capabilities; development and implementation of a comprehensive annexation plan; and development of a unified citywide inspection program utilizing multidisciplinary staff resources.

Street department suggestions were referred to the Street and Alley Committee.

Restructuring crews, cross-training, improving staff productivity, improving

(See STUDY, Page 9A)

## Voter registration in county nears a record

Madison County voters apparently don't need presidential candidates to spark their interest in elections.

Voter registration for the March 5 primary appears likely to top last fall's record level of 141,963, although registration is usually heavier when the nation's top office is up for grabs.

"It's not as heavy a turnout as I anticipated but we did get quite a few in today," Madison County Clerk Evelyn Bowles said Monday, the deadline for registering.

Bowles' staff was still tallying numbers Monday, but the figure last Thursday, the latest available, stood at 141,765, just 198 shy of last year's benchmark.

"We will be above where we were in November (1993)," Bowles predicted.

This would be the second off-year election to buck the trend.

Last fall was also an off-year election, though proposed tax increases in the Edwardsville School District and other areas may have heightened local interest.

Similarly, referendums regarding tax increases for the Edwardsville and Stanton school districts and the Madison County Historical Museum may be part of the reason voter interest is high for this election.

— From the Alton Telegraph



## Police log

## Granite City

## DUI alleged

Nicholas Zeffoff, 21, of Cambridge Drive in Granite City, was arrested at 11:11 p.m. Feb. 13 for driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage.

Police reported receiving a call from a car telephone informing them of a possible drunken driver on Edwardsville Road near the Granite City Steel blast furnace.

An officer stopped a northbound blue and gray 1989 Dodge Daytona matching the description of the car on Maryville Road.

Zeffoff, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

## Madison Avenue arrest

Robert S. North, 55, of the 800 block of Niedringhaus Avenue, was arrested at 1:39 a.m. Feb. 12 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

An officer reported seeing a red 1982 Dodge Ram pickup truck make an illegal right turn onto Madison Avenue from 20th Street against a red traffic light. North, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

## Traffic stop nets DUI charge

Billy W. Taylor, 38, of the 2400 block of Cleveland Boulevard, was arrested at 2:11 a.m. Feb. 12 for driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol and improper lane usage.

An officer reported stopping a brown 1979 Dodge Ram for an alleged traffic offense in the 2900

block of Madison Avenue. The officer also reported finding crushed beer cans in the vehicle, some with small quantities of liquid in them.

Taylor, the driver, refused to take any sobriety tests and was charged.

## Six charges filed

Timothy G. Walker, 34, of the 1000 block of Grand Avenue in Madison, was arrested at 9:40 p.m. Feb. 11 for driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol, driving while his license is revoked, improper lane usage, driving without insurance and improper use of registration.

An officer reported stopping a black 1977 Buick Skylark at the intersection of 23rd and Iowa streets.

Walker, the driver, took three field sobriety tests, refused to take a breath analysis test and was charged.

## KSHE broadcast at Glik's Friday

Sweetmeat, the inflatable mascot of KSHE radio, FM 94.7, and the KSHE MasterCruiser will be at the new Glik's Warehouse Store in the Bellemore Village Shopping Center from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday.

During a live broadcast, disc jockey Randy Raley will register listeners for the "Live Free for a Month" promotion. The promotion involves paying all of the winner's bills for the month of February.

Glik's, a 97-year-old family-owned apparel company, operates stores in 41 locations throughout Missouri and Southern Illinois.

## Fireman pleads guilty, fined \$500 for incident with officer

A Granite City fireman pleaded guilty Tuesday to a charge of obstructing a peace officer by harassing an on-duty female police officer last Aug. 8 while he was off duty.

Greg Hoese, 33, of the 2200 block of Woodlawn Avenue, a Granite City firefighter/paramedic, was fined \$500 for the misdemeanor offense, said Assistant Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen.

A charge of battery against Hoese was dropped in exchange for the plea, Ruebhausen said. Hoese interfered with the female police officer when she was investigating an unrelated battery at Eddie's Lounge, 2900 Nameoki Road.

The police officer reported that Hoese, while off duty, harassed her while she was controlling a crowd and taking witness statements at an unrelated tavern fight.

According to the officer's report, Hoese stood close enough to her that she could feel his breath in her ear and feel his midsection pressed against her buttocks, and placed his hands on her buttocks and shoulder while she was responding to a fight at the tavern.

When the officer pushed Hoese away and told him to stop, he grabbed her by the hair, pulled her hat from her head and replaced it with his Harley-Davidson hat, the report states.

Hoese continued to laugh at the officer and harass her throughout the incident, the report states.

Fire Chief Keith Talley filed administrative charges against Hoese with the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners as a result of the incident. But those charges were dropped and Hoese received a two-week suspension from his job as a result of a deal agreed to by city officials and Hoese's attorney, Greg Becker.

Hoese is awaiting trial for unrelated charges of criminal damage to property and telephone harassment in a more recent incident.

He was also off duty when that incident allegedly occurred.

## Huntco

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The company stipulated a \$1,125,700 current fair market value for the property and a \$25,000 value for personal property at the site.

City Attorney Casper Nighossian said the \$1,150,700 value would be the property tax base for the site.

Huntco had signed a 40-year lease on the property, running through 2009.

Under the terms of the lease, the company paid rent for the first 20 years of the lease, but pays no rent for the second 20 years — a period it recently entered.

Under the bid, Huntco agreed to commit to the hiring of Madison residents for its new non-management or non-special-skill jobs to the extent allowed by law.

## Buckle up those children

Assistant Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen says February is a great month to remember to "buckle up for love." "During this month of hearts and flowers, we all need to remember that the greatest gift we can give ourselves and our families is to buckle up," Ruebhausen said. "And, to remember to buckle our children in their safety seats."

On a nationwide basis, nearly 1,800 children under four years of age have been saved from death or serious injury over the past ten years because of child safety seat use.

"In a motor vehicle crash, unrestrained children can be thrown into a dashboard or windshield with a force equal to a fall from a three-story building," Ruebhausen said. "Vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children under the age of 15, and the Granite City Police Department is committed to saving lives."

Effective Jan. 1, legislation became effective which makes it necessary for all children to be restrained in a seat, not just Illinois resident children. The legislation also removed a medical exemption which allowed children being taken on a "medical emergency" to not be restrained with the safety seats.

The Child Passenger Protection Act requires children under the age of 4 years to be secured in an approved child restraint system. Four- and five-year-olds must be secured either in a safety seat or by a safety belt.

First-time violators of the law are subject to a fine of \$25 which will be waived upon proof of possession of an approved seat. Subsequent violations are punishable by a \$50 fine.

## County may try to put limits on Klan rally

Madison County officials may not be able to keep the Ku Klux Klan off the courthouse steps, but they may try to restrict the group's activities.

The County Board's Buildings Committee delayed a decision Monday on a Klan request for a rally permit and asked Madison County State's Attorney William Haine for an opinion on legal steps the board can take to protect property.

The National Knights of the KKK is seeking permission from the County Board for a May 6 rally on the steps of the County Courthouse in Edwardsville.

"This is a group not known for decorum in presenting their arguments, so I think it is reasonable and prudent of the County Board to seek to establish conditions aimed at protecting county property," Haine said Monday.

Thomas Robb, national director of the National Knights, said he would agree to any conditions imposed by the county and law enforcement agencies as long as they do not infringe on First Amendment rights.

"They need to give us a call and we'll cooperate with any type of arrangements they think are necessary," he said Monday from his home in Harrison, Ark.

Haine conceded officials may have little choice but to allow the rally since other groups have been allowed to assemble on county property. However, the board may have the authority to place restrictions on Klan activities, Haine said.

"Pro-life and pro-choice rallies have been held on county land in the past, but the difference here is in the nature of the organization," he said. "The Ku Klux Klan has to live with its history, and that history has been one of violence and inflammatory rhetoric."

Prohibiting the Klansmen from wearing hoods and robes would probably constitute a violation of their First Amendment right to free speech, Haine said.

But he said he would review statutes and case law to see if officials have the authority to prohibit the Klan from burning a cross or similar activities.

Robb said his Klan group has no intention of burning a cross on county land.

"We hold cross-lighting ceremonies on private property at rallies all over the country all the time, but we don't try to do that sort of thing on public land," said Robb, who first approached county officials last week about holding the rally.

He warned county officials against trying to restrict the group's freedom of speech.

"Quite often, small cities and local governments will try to pass ordinances to prevent us from engaging in First Amendment activities. So we have to sue them and they usually end up knowing a lot more about the First Amendment than when they started out," Robb said.

Last year, Indiana tried to prohibit the group from holding signs or banners during a capital rally. The law was struck down as a First Amendment violation after the Klan sued, Robb said.

He originally approached Edwardsville city officials about the rally but was referred to the county because the County Board has jurisdiction over county property.

Haine said the Sheriff's Department and Edwardsville Police Department would be responsible for security if the rally is permitted.

— From the Alton Telegraph

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## Garrett, Bathon quarrel over mileage payments

By Scott Wuerz  
Staff writer

A dispute between two Madison County officials over mileage reimbursements erupted in the county board meeting Wednesday.

It began when board member Don Garrett, D-Madison, complained that there are no specific, written rules governing the mileage claims of county board members.

County Auditor Fred Bathon, responding, said certain board members were intentionally running up their mileage claims.

After the meeting, Bathon called a hurried press conference to clarify statements in the meeting. In the press conference, he said Garrett was the main offender.

Garrett was criticizing a December decision on how much mileage board members were allowed to collect.

Bathon said his office has been forced to keep mileage claim records and impose a three-hour "break" between committee meetings to prevent certain county board members from filing exaggerated mileage claims.

Certain board members have been forced to keep mileage claim records which occur at the same time or for which they didn't attend, Bathon said. He said claims were filed for additional meetings despite the fact that the member never left the courthouse in between sessions.

"I think it is ridiculous for board members to file mileage claims for trips they didn't make," Bathon said. "In most occasions (in which the members claimed extra mileage) they only stuck their heads in the door to sign the ledger for the purpose of being paid

(extra) while they attend the meeting they're supposed to be at, and that's not right."

Bathon said that under the new rules, imposed in January, board members would only be paid for one trip to Edwardsville when committee meetings begin within three hours of each other.

Board members are currently compensated 25 cents for each mile they drive for "county board related business" in their own cars. They collected a total of \$971.25 mileage compensation for the month of January.

Garrett said the rules determining what mileage compensation board members deserved were unfair to members who lived farthest away from the County Seat in Edwardsville.

"Without mileage (reimbursements) it rewards board members who don't attend meetings," Garrett said. "I dedicate myself to my job, and I spend a lot of time in Edwardsville to do my job. I think it is important board members attend other committee meetings than their own because by the time a resolution gets to the (County Board) floor, it's too late."

"But each time I come to Edwardsville it costs me \$12. Am I supposed to ask my constituents to pay for those trips

(out of their pockets?)"

Bathon said mileage perks are something the board would be better off without.

"I don't think there are many other jobs where a person is paid to drive back and forth to work," Bathon said. "Board members are paid a salary, just as I am, to do a job."

"If we continue to pay for mileage at all I think we should just have a flat fee of 20 or 25 bucks."

Bathon's January report shows Garrett as the board member who claimed the most trips to be reimbursed for.

Garrett received \$83 mileage compensation for one County Board meeting, and nine committee meetings. He was paid for attending eight meetings.

District 1 board member Harold Byers, D-Highland, had the second-highest mileage reimbursement at \$72, but said he is in favor of a flat mileage reimbursement for all members.

"There has been a lot of conflict because of abuse in the past, and giving members a \$25 allowance (for mileage each month) might be a better way to handle the situation," he said.

Garrett said later the auditor was making up the rules as problems came along.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

**New members** — Ten students were initiated into Granite City High School's Quill and Scroll, an honorary society for high school journalists, on Feb. 9. Seated in the front row from left are Erica Sbabo, Jaimie Hamilton and Collen Fritzsche. Middle row from left are Alicia Skirball, Sarah Turk, Sabina Kumar and Melanie Tapp. Back row from left are Shane Buckingham, Jake Zimmerman and Kimberly York.

## New street lights for Madison

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

Madison hopes to have all new street lights by the end of the year — new lights that will save the city as much as \$5,000 a year on its electricity bill.

Illinois Power Co. recently replaced all of the city's mercury vapor street lights on Madison Avenue with sodium lights that str just as bright or brighter and more energy efficient.

Madison Mayor John Belicoff told the City Council on Tuesday that he was so pleased with the result and savings on Madison Avenue that he approached the power company about doing it all over the city.

Illinois Power has agreed to replace the 131 remaining mercury vapor lights in the city and Belicoff said the company plans

to finish the replacement by December.

In other business, the City Council approved an ordinance that makes the Madison County Circuit Court the venue for all ordinance violations in the city, including the portion of the city in St. Clair County.

The City Council also voted to accept sealed bids for repair of the buildings in the city-owned shopping center at Third Street and Madison Avenue.

Comptroller Jeanne Weidner said the building had been damaged when large trucks using the alley behind the building, making deliveries to the stores, hit the building. She said the accidents had not been reported to police.

The aldermen instructed the city's buildings committee to meet with the current tenants —

Farm Fresh and Family Dollar — and work out some arrangement for watching the trucks making deliveries to their businesses. The aldermen agreed that if the problem is not solved the city may decide to close the alley.

The aldermen also voted to hire Dan Danahoe to perform the city's annual financial audit.

Condemnation recommendations by Building Inspector Mike Foley were accepted for a two-story brick commercial building at 400 State St. and a one-story frame residential building at 913 Washington Ave.

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# Opinion

## Editorials

### Don't dare touch DARE

Granite City Police Chief Jim Lengyel is right about needing more police officers on the street. He is wrong to suggest cutting the DARE officer as a way to accomplish it.

The DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program is popular among students and, by all indications, is effective in preventing abuse of illegal drugs. Because illegal drugs are directly tied to many, if not a majority, of the crimes committed in a city, the DARE program is an investment in future law enforcement.

But, if nothing else, the program introduces young people to a police officer who is one of the "good guys" — something that cannot be undervalued in a society where, as often as not, police officers are seen as an annoyance at best and, at worst, as the enemy.

So how can the city do both — keep the DARE officer and increase the number of police on the street?

Starting with the Police Department, why not take the two sworn and trained police officers — both sergeants — currently working with computers and maintenance, replace them with civilians and put them on the street? Or why not move the two-man sewer crew at the Street Department under the scope of the Sewage Treatment Plant — which is self-supporting through fees — and use the money saved to hire a police officer?

Maybe none of these suggestions is perfect, but they and many other alternatives need to be considered before the city considers cutting the DARE officer.

The Granite City Press-Record/Journal recently ran a series on the Melville Strategic Management Review of Granite City and Granite City Township Operations. The study suggests a number of ways to make city government more efficient and more cost-effective. The study predicts doom and gloom if city operations are not drastically changed.

Chief Lengyel says, with justification, that the current number of police officers on the street is insufficient to guarantee the safety of either the public or his officers. Or, to put it more bluntly, the police chief is saying the city is no longer able to protect its citizens. What clearer indication of coming doom can there be?

The Granite City Council owes it to every citizen in the city to take a long, hard look at the Melville Study and start taking action on its recommendations. The city needs to make changes, though not necessarily following the study to the letter, that will address the needs and shortcomings the study points out.

Otherwise, the whole of city government is likely to deteriorate and collapse.

Chief Lengyel believes the shortage at the Police Department is so severe that he is willing to attack DARE — a very popular program, a necessary program, a greatly supported program, a program that has been the first crack in the foundation of Granite City government.

### Allow the rally but ignore it

Carol Clarkin writes this weekly Edwardsville Journal column.

By pure chance, I was midway through William Styron's recent book, "A Tidewater Morning," last week when I learned from the morning paper that the Ku Klux Klan hopes to hold a rally this May in little old Edwardsville.

It was a happy chance, not simply because the book — as anticipated — is such a marvelous read, but because it served as an antidote to news which might otherwise have caused my blood pressure to zoom dangerously upward.

The three stories in this slim volume are all set in the 1930s, are based on actual events in the author's life and, at least for me, had a beautifully thought-provoking effect. "Shadrach" particularly that morning provided a calming counter-balance to the news.

I have no idea why America's most prominent Klubb for Kooks chose our town for a rally.

Permission to hold the rally May 6 in the mall between Madison County Courthouse and the new Administration Building was sought by one Thomas Robb, national director of the KKK, who filed the request in person.

Robb reportedly told James Monday, county director of administration, that about 50 members of the organization were expected to attend. (County Board-Buildings Committee Chairman Herbert "Junior" Milton said Monday the request will be sent to Madison County State's Attorney William Haine for review before a decision is made on allowing the rally.)

Traditionally, the Klan has not only supported white supremacy, but in addition to being anti-black, anti-Semitic and anti-Catholic. They lay claim to super-patriotism and religiosity. But then, we've all been taught that the devil can fluently quote Scripture when it serves his purpose.

Without any particular shame, I have to admit that I've always accepted the stereotype of the KKK member — at best, semi-literate, inhabiting some Tobacco Road neighborhood full of junked cars and refrigerators and many dogs, who simply HAS to hate someone, someone he can blame for his own sorry state of life. I'm undoubtedly overstating his persona, but I'll bet I'm mighty close.

Be that as it may, here is why I hope the Buildings Committee members will grant permission for the rally. Chiefly, of course, because to do otherwise is a breach of the First Amendment — and that's assuming that a rally would be peaceful.

The Madison County Courthouse, store on Main Street have been the site of previous rallies — remember the anti-Vietnam War protests and the pro-life get-together — and we didn't have rioting on Main Street. The courthouse didn't crumble, nor was the life of history deflected.

We have nothing to fear from peaceful assembly and we've been guaranteed the right to it.

While I sympathize with Bennett Dickmann, our director of police, who has been quoted as saying he'd rather be without the experience (and who wouldn't), I can suggest one sure way to avoid problems if there is a rally.

Certainly, Dickmann has to consider security and, knowing him as I do, there's no question that he would do just that.

We could all help him out, though, and I propose we do just that if there is a rally. Really simply — we could all stay home. Don't dignify these goofs and their hate organization with protest.

If we had to be downtown around 6 p.m. Friday, May 6, stick strictly to whatever that business may be — at the bank or in the stores. Have a Coke at the drug store or a beer at Vanzo's, but avoid the courthouse mall as though it were a hot colony.

There's nothing more disheartening than being ignored. We could let the KKK have a party without the guests showing up.

### Educating children's minds, souls

TO THE EDITOR:

Catholic School Week 1994 has just been observed here. Congratulations are due, saluting the Catholic schools in our Springfield Diocese for providing our children with education for their minds and souls.

BERNICE C. CRIMMINS, Madison



## Test of leadership: Real solutions for real problems

(The following column is by U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, Illinois Democrat.)

Perhaps it is my imagination, but I sense that the public is more negative, more cynical, toward government than at any other time I remember.

This applies to both political parties and to all levels of government.

There have always been critics. If you read what people wrote about George Washington or Thomas Jefferson or Abraham Lincoln, you wonder how the critics could fail to see the superb qualities of these leaders.

But there is a difference in degree today.

"They're all a bunch of crooks," is a description I have heard of officeholders and candidates from my early years.

Now, there is no greater belief in that than decades ago, but a greater belief that those in office

### Our guest

have "a good deal" for themselves and strive to hold the prize of public office much more than they strive to serve the public.

A dramatic change has been the rise of opinion polls which too often guide candidates in forming their positions, and too often guide officeholders, such as senators, in how they vote.

The public senses that. And then there is an inconsistency: The public wants us to do what they favor — according to the polls — and also wants us to face our problems and come up with difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions.

I always remember the man who approached me on the streets of Chicago during an

election campaign and said, "I think disagree with you on every issue, but I trust you. I'm going to vote for you."

The public yearns for candid leadership.

Sen. Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio is retiring, he is controversial and gutsy and has contributed immensely to the Senate and the nation.

In his retirement remarks in the Senate last June, he said:

"I know that the members of this body (the Senate) have the wisdom, talent and experience to accomplish more than we now do."

We seem somehow to fall short of our considerable potential and, as a result, have a less positive impact than might otherwise be possible.

I have come to believe that this is because we regularly calculate every vote for its immediate political impact. We do not look beyond one day's news

cycle, unless it is to envision the next election's negative ad.

"We, therefore, find ourselves ducking tough choices, postponing the inevitable, passing the buck and pointing fingers."

He is correct. And the public somehow senses this, even as the public knows that sometimes we are excessively partisan.

No public opinion poll will show us how to solve unemployment and poverty. No poll-taker will tell us how to solve the problems of crime and health and education.

Animal Control may tell us how to make speeches that please the public — temporarily. I regret I have sometimes joined in that.

But the public yearns for real leadership that sometimes takes unpopular stands, leadership that studies the issues carefully and comes up with real answers, not public relations answers.

We owe that to our children and to generations to come.

## Letters

### Add police to protect public

TO THE EDITOR:

The members of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1347 of Granite City would like to inform Mayor Ron Selph and members of the City Council that we are in support of Police Chief James Lengyel's pursuit of manpower for our department.

As previously stated by the chief, we were once at 33 committed officers.

We feel that even that number is inadequate; however, (it would be) a start in the right direction.

We must patrol more than 300 miles of streets on a 24-hour basis.

We do not believe that there is any safety for the public or ourselves when there are only four of us to try to cover and protect the entire area.

In conclusion, we fervently encourage city officials to "get behind" Chief Lengyel, as we are, and allow the Police Department to be staffed to more adequate level.

MIKE MURGIC

President, AFSCME Local 1347

### Slow service on car titles in state

TO THE EDITOR:

If a private business did the job right only some of the time, its customers would do business elsewhere.

Unfortunately, Illinois drivers seeking a vehicle title from the Secretary of State do not have this option.

More than 300,000 drivers each year must wait longer than 30 days to get their title.

Some drivers wait as long as four months for service, well after the Secretary of State has cashed their check.

That's why I support the "Customer Service Act of 1994," a bill designed to halt the growing delays in title service.

The Customer Service Act, introduced recently by Rep. Bill Bradley, would authorize refunds of titling fees to any driver who waits longer than 30 days after the title application has been received by the Secretary of State.

Drivers are entitled to prompt services, especially after a tripling of titling and registration fees last year by Secretary of State George Ryan to help give

a \$12 million boost in his office budget.

Higher fees should mean better service, not longer delays. But it takes longer to get a vehicle title today than it did three years ago when Ryan took over.

If you are one of the thousands of drivers waiting way too long to get your vehicle title, drop me a note at P.O. Box 428, Oak Park, IL 60303, or call 312-943-1783, and I'll try to help cut through the red tape and get some action.

I'll be glad to provide you with an "S.O.S. Gram," which reads: "Dear George ... I paid you for service ... You cashed my check ... I'm entitled ... Where's my title?"

It's tough for individual consumers to cut through unresponsive bureaucracies, but as the Citizens Utility Board has proven, organized consumer action gets results. Maybe the Secretary of State will get the S.O.S. message.

PAT QUINN  
Illinois state treasurer and Democratic candidate for secretary of state

### Use checkoff to aid the homeless

TO THE EDITOR:

Every child deserves a home, a place to be warm, secure and nourished.

Yet, more and more young faces are among those without a place to call home.

Children are part of a disturbing trend which shows more families being evicted and in urgent need of food and shelter.

Illinoisans are moved by their stories in the morning papers and on the evening news and want to reach out with help.

For the fifth year, there is a simple, easy way for citizens to take only a few seconds to act on their concern.

The Illinois Homeless Assistance Fund, which appears on the 1993 Illinois individual income tax return, is a fund that every person who has to write in an amount on Line 15d of the return to contribute to the fund.

The amount will be deducted from the income tax refund or added to the income tax payment.

Last year, 23,000 persons contributed \$200,000 to the fund. Every dollar donated found its way to communities where dedicated organizations provided meals, beds, transportation and counseling to their homeless neighbors every day of the year.

More than 50,000 persons bene-

fitted from homeless services during the year.

At a time when the needs have never been greater, we make a special plea for continued generosity so that every child may have a place to stay for the night.

ROBERT W. WRIGHT  
Acting director, Illinois Department of Public Aid

### Group gives 2nd chance to pets

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to respond to a letter published Jan. 20.

In his letter, a man alleges that, three years ago he called the Humane Society about a severely injured cat. He contends their response was that their truck was already in the garage. The cat died the next day.

I am sure that many citizens, like me, don't understand the difference between Animal Control and the Madison County Humane Society (MCHS).

Unfortunately, MCHS doesn't even own a truck or a building.

MCHS is a non-profit organization existing solely on donations from compassionate people. It exists through volunteers donat-

ing their time and talents to give a second chance to pets who have been cruelly discarded, neglected or abused by their owners.

Animal Control, whom he obviously contacted, exists through our tax dollars. His outrage should be directed at elected officials who fail to improve Animal Control's response to injured pets.

Unfortunately, neither he nor the owner of the cat chose to help the cat by taking it to a veterinarian.

He not only owes an apology to MCHS for wrongly accusing them of negligence, but also to the neglected cat he watched die in his front yard.

Having been so impressed by the dedication and hard work of MCHS volunteers, I now coordinate two programs that benefit many Granite City area residents: SNAP (spay/neuter assistance program) and dog obedience classes.

These are just two examples of how the Madison County Humane Society is actively working to improve your community and find new solutions to long-standing problems.

LISA WELBORN  
Spay-Neuter Assistance Program coordinator, Madison County Humane Society

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NEWS

# Rape center replacement?

## Group forms to take over SIUE center duties

A new group is lining up to take any state money that may be stripped from the Rape and Sexual Abuse Care Center at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Jerry Brown, a former director of victim services for the Madison County State's Attorney's Office, said the group is incorporating as a nonprofit community agency under the name Victims First.

"We're a group of people concerned there will be a void of services to assault victims when funding is withdrawn from SIU," Brown said.

Victims First board president is Robin Basham, a longtime volunteer-advocate for the SIUE center and one of the key figures in the controversy that may result in the center at SIUE losing state money.

Basham, who recently resigned from the center advisory board, joined a longtime cli-

ent of the center in filing a grievance with the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

The two alleged Acting Director Marvin Peterson violated the coalition's "victim-centered" philosophy by suggesting the client get help elsewhere.

In a presentation to the coalition's governing board in January, Basham also charged Peterson was disrespectful of women.

Basham said Monday that Victims First supporters would soon start contacting community organizations and launch a fund-raising campaign. Basham, a legal secretary, said Victims First organizers want the group to also help victims of other crimes, such as stalking.

Brown, director of victim services under former Madison County State's Attorney Dick Allen, was also a member of SIUE center's advisory board.

He said he felt recently that the center "lacked a specific

direction" and was not aggressive enough as an advocate for victims' rights.

Brown said it was the goal of Victims First to be in a position to apply for the state money.

The coalition decided Friday that money for this fiscal year will be taken from SIUE unless the university cooperates in transferring the counseling center to a community agency and gives up control of the center.

After this fiscal year, ending June 30, the coalition will not consider granting money to the university.

SIUE spokesman Sam Smith said the university administration is evaluating its response. He said college officials "anticipate the actions of (the coalition) will be appealed."

Smith said he has decided on "a very thorough review" of the situation and a news conference is being held indefinitely postponed, Smith said.

### Briefly

#### Church to install new pastor

The Mitchell Presbyterian Church, located at Greenway and East Chain of Rocks Road, has extended a call to the Rev. Scott Kroener to serve its congregation as pastor.

Kroener will present the Sunday morning worship service at 11 a.m. Feb. 20. A special installation worship service will then be held at 2 p.m., installing him as pastor. A welcoming reception will be held immediately following the installation service.

Kroener has served eight years as a parish pastor in Nebraska and Missouri.

While Kroener serves the Mitchell Presbyterian Church, he will continue his graduate studies in the field of social work at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis. He anticipates graduating with a master of social work degree by December 1994. Kroener seeks to combine his two professions in order to effectively serve Mitchell and its surrounding communities.

Kroener attended Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J., obtaining the masters of divinity degree in 1984, and obtained Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, obtaining the bachelor of arts degree in 1981.

Kroener and his wife, Jane Hill, are natives of Southern Illinois. While serving this church, they will reside at 4 Moorland Drive, located near the church.

#### Cedar View homecoming

Cedar View General Baptist Church, 3700 Ruth Drive, Pontoon Beach, is holding its 37th anniversary homecoming this weekend.

Services will begin on Saturday, Feb. 19, at 4 p.m. with a spaghetti dinner. The McKenzies, from Greenville, will be in concert following the dinner, starting at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 20, Grimsom Gold will be singing during the 10 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. worship service and at 2 p.m., following the homecoming dinner.

The church invites everybody and especially encourages former members and pastors — who will be recognized during the afternoon service — to attend.

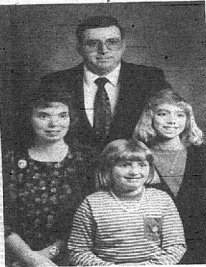
#### Lutheran convention set

The Southern Illinois District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will hold its 50th convention at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville Feb. 17 through Feb. 19.

Representing Concordia Lutheran Church of Granite City at this gathering will be Louis Rohlfing, congregational lay delegate, and Rev. Michael Hart, pastoral delegate.

Dr. Alvin Barry, president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and Dr. Dale Meyer, speaker of "The Lutheran Hour," will be the featured presenters.

The Southern Illinois District has a membership of approximately 44,000 people in 97 congregations throughout the lower third of the state of Illinois. In addition to these local congregations, the district sponsors Christian mission work at the universities in Carbondale and Edwardsville, supports chaplains in the prisons of Southern Illinois, and contributes to the mission of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod throughout the world.



The Rev. Kenneth Dickerson with his wife, Linda, and daughters, Evelyn and Helen.

#### New pastor at Church of God

Bromley Pentecostal Church of God, 2144 East 24th St., Granite City, has welcomed a new pastor, Rev. Kenneth Dickerson, and his wife, Linda, and two daughters, Evelyn and Helen.

Dickerson received his credentials with the Pentecostal Church of God in April 1990. While attending Trinity Tabernacle in Madison, Dickerson served as a trustee for three years. He studied and learned the duties of a minister under Rev. Wayne Lyon and preached the gospel in Southern Illinois, as well as the St. Louis Metro area.

The door opened for the Dickersons at the Bromley Church where they felt the leading of the Lord to accept the pastoral position and where they are serving their first pastoral position. They said they are excited about what God is going to do there.

"It is a privilege to become pastor of the Bromley Church of God, and I would like to invite you to come into worship with us," he said.

"Spring is on the way and things are beginning to grow," so is the church. Come grow with us."

Morning services are held at 11 Sunday with Sunday school beginning at 10 a.m.

## THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED  
Attorney At Law

There is frequently a great deal of confusion when a worker is injured on the job regarding the procedure he should follow subsequent to the injury. In addition, many workers are not aware of exactly what benefits are provided for by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act. The purpose of this article is to educate the working man regarding what can be expected following an on-the-job injury.

The first thing that should be noted is that the injured worker should immediately report the injury to his supervisor. The employee should insist that a written report be prepared so that there is a record regarding exactly what happened.

What benefits can the worker injured on the job expect to receive? The first thing the employee should insist upon is Temporary Total Disability (TTD), which is money paid to the employee while he is off work. In addition, reasonable and necessary medical expenses related to the injury paid by the employer's insurance carrier. Finally, the person injured on the job will usually receive a lump sum settlement for the permanent nature of his injury. It is amazing how many working people are not

aware that they are entitled to these permanent benefits, but rather are satisfied if they merely receive their TTD and have their medical bills paid.

Another frequent question deals with whether the injured worker can sue a doctor or whether he must use a physician chosen by the company. Illinois law allows the employee to choose his own doctor for purposes of treatment. The employee can request the injured worker to see a doctor chosen by the employer for purposes of examination. The employer will have to pay for this exam.

Finally, many injured workers do not understand that they are entitled to a hearing before an Arbitrator or that they can enter into a settlement agreement and thereby avoid the hearing. Which method the employee chooses to resolve the claim really depends upon the settlement agreed made by the company's insurance carrier in a given case and whether the injured worker will require future medical care. An Industrial Commission hearing will allow the employee to still receive medical care in the future if it is related to the on-the-job injury. A settlement, on the other hand, will usually cut off the worker's rights to future medical coverage.

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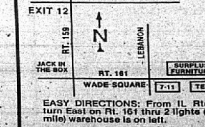
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# Obituaries

## Margaret Holten

Margaret Ann (Oldham) Holten, 65, of Collinsville, formerly of Granite City, died at 5:06 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1994, in the emergency room at Anderson Hospital, Maryville, following an automobile accident on Bellline Road in Collinsville.

Born May 7, 1928, in Granite City, she worked for many years as a nurse in various hospitals and home health care centers and was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Collinsville.

Survivors include two sons, Henry J. and Thomas Holten, both of Collinsville; one daughter, Ann Kruckeberg of Edwardsville; one sister, Rita Lange of St. Charles, Ill.; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elwyn "Jack" Holten, who died in 1982; one son, Daniel John Holten; and her parents, Edgar and Loretta (Hennley) Oldham.

Visitation is from 4 to 9 p.m. today at Allan and Cluett Funeral Home, 314 W. Main St., Collinsville. The Rosary will be recited at 5 p.m. today. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 207 Vandalla St., Collinsville. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for the American Diabetes Association or Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

## Anthony Butch

Anthony Thomas Butch, 81, of Venice died at 10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1994. He was born Nov. 1912 in Venice, where he had been a lifelong resident.

He was a locksmith and a member of St. Mark's Catholic Church, Venice; American Legion Post 307, Venice-Madison; AMVETS Post 51, Venice; and American Association of Retired Persons.

Mr. Butch was a World War II Armored Infantry veteran, receiving the Purple Heart.

Survivors include two brothers, Joseph Busch and John Butch, both of Granite City; and one sister, Mary Hiethe of Bend.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Mary Ann (Sveda) Butch.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark's Catholic Church, Venice.

Memorials are requested for the American Lung Association or West 22nd Street Baptist Church.

600 Broadway, Venice, with the Rev. Paschal Lofibiano officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Memorials in the form of Masses are suggested.

## Bonnie Hasty

Bonnie Victoria (Segastore) Hasty, 88, of Lebanon, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died at 11 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, 1994, at Lebanon Care Center, Lebanon. She was born April 3, 1905, in Reynolds County, Mo., and had been a resident of Lebanon, Mo., for the past five years.

Mrs. Hasty was a homemaker and a member of First Assembly of God Church, Granite City, where she had been a member for more than 50 years.

Survivors include two sons, Steve "Bill" Hasty of Florissant, Mo.; two sisters, Lucille Newsum and Pauline Ruble, both of Florissant; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James T. Hasty Sr., who died March 13, 1978; one son, James T. Hasty Jr.; and her parents, Steve and Dove (Davis) Segastore.

Services are being held at 11 a.m. today at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. C. Dale Edwards officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Gardens, St. Louis.

Memorials are requested for the Bennett Springs Church of God Building Fund.

**Zella Elmore**  
Zella L. (Petit) Elmore, 95, of Granite City, formerly of Iowa, died at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1994, at her residence.

She was born June 29, 1898, in Avery, Iowa, and had been a resident of Granite City for the past 50 years.

She was a court reporter in East St. Louis for 10 years and a member of First Presbyterian Church, Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Fred Elmore, who died in August 1975; and her parents, Owen D. and Corda (Thayer) Pettit.

Graveside services and burial are at 1 p.m. today at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon, with the Rev. Lewis Trotter officiating. Arrangements are by Irwin Chapel, Granite City.

Memorials are requested for the American Lung Association or West 22nd Street Baptist Church.

**EARHART, Richard L.** 36, of Collinsville, formerly of St. Louis, died at 8:20 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, 1994, at his home. His remains were cremated. Arrangements were by Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City.

**GREENWELL, Patricia M.** (Morris), 30, of Ellisville, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1994, at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis. Services were held Saturday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Bruce Williamson. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to Leukemia Society of St. Louis.

**LANGLEY, Robert P.** 72, of Granite City died at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 1994, at home. Services were held Monday at Williamson Funeral Home, St. Louis, by the Rev. George Radosevich. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

**LENTZ, Jessie (Howard) Gephart**, 74, of Collinsville, formerly of the Granite City-Madison area, died at 3:24 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, 1994, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. Services were held Wednesday at Herbert A. Kassly Funeral Home, Collinsville, by the Rev. Jim Clubb. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis.

**NAGY, Joseph John Jr.** 63, of Florissant, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died at 8:02 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 1994, at home. There will be no visitation. Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis. Arrangements are by Irwin Chapel, Granite City.

**RAMSEY, Scott Steven**, 23, of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Collinsville, died Sunday, Jan. 30, 1994, in Phoenix. Services were held Thursday, Feb. 3, in Phoenix. Burial was in Phoenix.

**REBERT, Dr. Thomas E.** (Tom), 64, of Monticello, Ill., formerly of Granite City, died at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1994, at McKinley Terrace, Decatur. Services were held Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Monticello. Burial was at Fairlawn Cemetery, Decatur. Arrangements were by Mackey-Wright Funeral Home, Monticello. Memorials to St. Philomena Catholic Church, Monticello.

**SCOBY, Lochie H.** 72, of Collinsville, formerly of Granite City,

## Velma Dunn

Velma Dunn, 54, of Venice died at 11:50 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 1994, at her residence. She was born Jan. 11, 1940, in Kennett, Mo. She was formerly employed as a restaurant waitress.

Survivors include seven children, Barbara Atkins, Carol Wilson and Luvenia, Delores, Melvin, Michelle and David Dunn; two sisters, Thelma Jeffrey and Lucille Carter; 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation is from 3 to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday at Officer Funeral Home, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis, where services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday with the Rev. John Henry Williams officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt.

## Jimmie Hill

Jimmie Hill, 82, of Venice died at 6:04 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1994, at Anna Hunicutt Nursing Home, Edwardsville. She was born Jan. 3, 1912, in Sunflower, Mo.

Mrs. Hill had been a resident of the Metro East area for many years.

Survivors include one daughter, Clara M. Lewis of Venice, and one granddaughter.

Visitation is from 3 to 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, and 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 22, at Officer Funeral Home, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis, where services will be held at noon Tuesday with the Rev. John Henry Williams officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt.

## Study

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managerial capabilities and employee communications, and instituting structured scheduling techniques and timely reporting systems are among the high-priority recommendations.

The Sanitation and Waste Water Treatment committees are to review recommendations for the sanitation department and the sewage treatment plant.

The high-priority suggestion in the study is to merge sewage treatment, sewer maintenance (currently done by the street department) and waste management functions.

The Fire and Water Committee was asked to look into ways to improve the fire department's efficiency, firefighter productivity and the Police Insurance Service Organization (ISO) rating; and cross-training firefighters to perform non-fire related duties.

The Police Committee will study recommendations regarding that department. There are the high-priority suggestions in the report.

Recommendations concerning the township supervisor and assessor were referred to the Intergovernmental, Legal and Legislative Committee.

The high-priority items include developing a plan to downsize and phase out township government and seeking voter approval of that plan.

**Drugs**  
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He said he and Mayor Ron Selph — a former assistant police chief — have been searching for ways to put more officers on the street, including meeting with federal officials to explore the possibility of grants to provide more police protection.

"One more officer on the street at a given time may make the difference on an emergency call," Lengyel said.

Selph has asked the aldermanic and Finance and Police committees to look into the matter.

## Trivia

The city of St. Louis was formed Feb. 15, 1764, making this its 230th birthday. By comparison, the Venice, Mo. local municipality, was formed in 1873.

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## Fees

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"We have to improve that situation in order to maintain a service unmatched in the area," Tarpoif said.

He estimated that the rate hike will increase revenues by \$180,000 to \$200,000 per year after the third year.

Tarpoif said that the Melville Strategic Management Review of Granite City Operations suggests two options for the city: either increase ambulance fees or privatize the service. Tarpoif said he is opposed to privatization of the service.

"Nothing says Granite City residents have to use our Granite City ambulance service. They can call (other ambulance services), but they will pay, in some cases, twice the amount (they would pay the city)," Tarpoif said.

Alderman Casmer Skubish, chairman of the Ordinance Committee, opposed the rate increase and refused to bring the ordinance to the floor.

"We've never been solvent with the ambulance service," Skubish said.

He suggested that the city look into the quantity of uncollectible bills associated with the service and focus on more stringent collection of those that can be collected.

Alderman Juanita Crawley also opposed the increase.

"I'm just afraid some of our seniors will wait to call until it is too late (in an emergency situation)," Crawley said.

Tarpoif, Partney and Alderman Dana Partney said the city needs to look into alternatives to the existing ambulance service, such as operating a regional service, possibly out of St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

"With the high costs we've been incurring, it's high time the city looks into regionalization of services," Partney said.

Under the new rate structure, the fee to transport a city resident in an emergency situation in a Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance will increase from

\$105 to \$140 as of March 1, to \$175 as of Sept. 1, 1995, and to \$210 on March 1, 1997.

The fee to transport a non-resident in an emergency situation in a BLS unit will increase from \$175 plus \$3.25 per mile to \$240 plus the same rate as of March 1, 1995, and to \$350 plus the same rate as of Sept. 1, 1995, and to \$350 plus the same rate as of March 1, 1997.

The fee to transport a city resident in an emergency situation in an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance will increase from \$140 to \$190 on March 1, to \$235 in September 1995, and to \$280 in March 1997; the fee to transport a non-resident in an emergency situation in an ALS ambulance will increase next month from \$225 plus mileage to \$300 plus mileage; will increase in September 1995 to \$375 plus mileage, and will increase to \$450 plus miles in March 1997.

The fee for a non-emergency transfer of a resident to or from a convalescent facility will increase from \$65 to \$90 on March 1, to \$110 in September 1995, and to \$130 in March 1997; the fee for a similar transfer of a non-resident will increase from \$130 to \$190 next month, to \$225 in 18 months, and to \$280 in March 1997.

Any additional charges for use of consumable medical supplies such as bandages, drugs and intravenous supplies will continue to be equal to the cost of those supplies.

The additional charges for specialized services such as electrocardiogram monitoring and transmission will continue to be billed at rates set by Medicare.

Tarpoif, Partney and Alderman Walter Milton, Tom Candler, Sandy Cries, Eddie Assadorian, Nick Petrillo and Bob Shipley voted for the rate increase.

Skubish, Crawley and Alderman Judy Whitaker, Kim Affolter, Foster Frederick and Bob Page voted against the rate increase.

Alderman Jim Miller was absent from the meeting.

## Opal Smith

Opal L. (Stout) Smith, 73, of Granite City, formerly of Fort Henry, Tenn., died at 6:43 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center after a four-year illness.

She was born Jan. 1, 1921, in Dover, Tenn., and had been a resident of Granite City for the past 44 years.

She was a nurse's aide at St. Elizabeth Medical Center for 10 years prior to her retirement in 1982, and a member of the West 22nd Street Baptist Church, Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Robert M. Smith, whom she married Oct. 2, 1957, in Stewart County, Tenn.; two sons, Terry L. Smith of Dover and Don Smith of Granite City; three daughters, Kay Harris, Priscilla Foster and Vicki Sarich, all of Granite City; Charles, Mo.; one sister, Bertie Williams of Paris, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Calvin and Mary A. (Ingman) Stout; three brothers; and one sister.

Visitation is from 4 to 9 p.m. today at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave., Granite City, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Jim Robbins officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for the American Lung Association or West 22nd Street Baptist Church.

**Funeral services**  
Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

**AMBERGER, Sgt. Major Eugene Wayne**, 42, formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1994, in Elizabethtown, Ky. Services were held Saturday at St. James Catholic Church, Elizabethtown, by the Rev. William Fichtelmann. Burial was at St. James Catholic Church, Elizabethtown. Arrangements were by Brown Funeral Home, Elizabethtown. Memorials to Mental Health Association, 120 Second Ave., Suite 211-213, Louisville, KY 40207.

**BYRD, Elsie L. (Hood)**, 88, of Granite City died at 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 1994, at Elmwood Health Care Center, Maryville. Services were held Monday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Vernon Brown. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

**COOK, Viola (Duenning)**, 92, of Granite City died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1994, at Collinsville Care Center. Services were held Saturday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Lewis Trotter. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

**CORNSTUBBLE, Donald P.**, 62, of Belleville died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1994, in Belleville. Services were held Saturday at Kassly Colonial Mortuary, Fairview Heights, by the Rev. Greg Bridgeman. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Fairview Heights.

**COURTWRIGHT, Anna Ruth (Sergerson)**, 76, of Granite City, formerly of Union City, Tenn., died at 10:25 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held at 9 a.m. today at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. William Fisher. Burial was at St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery, Edwardsville. Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, handled arrangements. Memorials to Alzheimer's Foundation or Holy Family Catholic Church.

**DUSTMAN, John F.**, 84, of Edwardsville died at 12:05 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 1994, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. Services were held Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Edwardsville, by the Rev. Carl Aufdenberg. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Arrangements were by Weber Funeral Home, Edwardsville. Memorials to Trinity Lutheran Church Building Fund.

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# Super Streak

## Heat aid cutbacks may burn the elderly

SPRINGFIELD — Many consumers will eventually feel the heat if funding cuts are made to an energy assistance program for low-income families, utility companies say.

The Clinton administration is considering deep cuts in a federal program that helps an estimated 238,573 families in Illinois heat their homes.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program targets families with an annual income of less than \$6,000, many of whom are elderly or disabled.

Susan Gallagher, spokeswoman for Union Electric Co., said when utility companies have to eat unpaid heating bills, rate increase requests usually follow.

"(Clinton's proposal) is such a severe cut (that) there's no way you can bridge that gap."

In his 1995 budget proposal, Clinton is calling for cutting the program by 50 percent. If Congress approves about \$730 million in aid will go up in smoke.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs disburses the federal

money to agencies, including the Madison County Community Development Department in Edwardsville and the Illinois Valley Economic Development Corp. in Gillespie.

Union Electric also offers an alternative aid program paid for by employees and customers. It provided almost \$1 million last year to needy families.

John Dewey, spokesman for Illinois Power Co., said the utility company is actively seeking to defeat Clinton's proposal because the assistance program offers an important safety net for needy families.

The power company lost \$8 million last year in uncollected bills because of people who were unable to make payments.

"Every year the (federal) money runs out and there is an increased amount in uncollected accounts," Dewey said. "All the customers bear these costs."

He said the lost federal aid would not necessarily result in a rate increase but would be reflected by cuts to employment and operating expenses.

Another spokesman, Craig Nesbit, said IP

does not shut off household heat from Oct. 15 through March 15 for ethical and legal reasons.

"Most of the people who find themselves in trouble during these months eventually pay," he said. "They're just going through a bad time. The mistake some people make, though, is when they walk away and don't call and try to work with us."

The Illinois Commerce Commission specifies utility companies follow special rules from Dec. 1 through March 31 before disconnecting service for lack of payment. Companies must notify customers first and be flexible with repayment plans.

Illinois Power also has an alternative program called Warm Neighbors that offers aid to families through contributions from customers and employees. The program raised \$466,000 last year and is administered by the Energy Assistance Foundation in Decatur.

Warm Neighbors provided \$51,480 to 281 Madison County residents in the 1992-93 winter season, Dewey said.

## Tax breaks can help many senior citizens

Many seniors can take advantage of special tax benefits offered only to them. Generally, for 1993, single persons 65 or older do not have to file a federal income tax return if their income is less than \$6,950. The limit for a married couple filing a joint return is \$11,600 if only one spouse is 65 or older, and \$12,300 if both spouses are 65 or older.

Persons are considered age 65 on the day before their 65th birthday; therefore those who turned 65 on January 1, 1994, are considered to be age 65 at the end of 1993. Anyone who is 65 or older and does not itemize deductions can take advantage of a higher standard deduction than other taxpayers.

For 1993, \$800 is added to the regular standard deduction amount for qualifying unmarried individuals who are 65 or older, plus another \$800 if he or she is blind. For those who are married filing jointly or separately and for qualifying widows or widowers, the standard deduction is increased by \$700 if one spouse is 65 or older, \$1,400 if both are 65 or older, plus amounts if either is blind.

Older or disabled Americans may be able to reduce the taxes they owe with a tax credit called the "credit for the elderly or the disabled." It is based on filing status, age and income. Generally, the credit is not available if the person's 1993 income level requires him or her to report any part of social security benefits as taxable income.

Individuals under 65 will be eligible for this credit only if they retire with total and permanent disability and have income from a public or private employer or because of that disability. Senior citizens who are thinking about selling their personal residence should consider the once-in-a-lifetime \$125,000 exclusion of the gain on the sale of their home.

Certain age, use and ownership restrictions apply to this one-time exclusion from gross income. Also, there are special rules for persons with disabilities or for widows or widowers.

Taxpayers needing assistance with their returns can turn to Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE), an IRS program through which volunteers from many organizations provide free tax information and assistance to individuals age 60 and older. Contact your local IRS office for locations near you.

Tax publications of particular interest to seniors can be obtained by calling 1-800-829-3676. They include:

- 502 — Medical and Dental Expenses
- 505 — Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax
- 523 — Selling Your Home
- 524 — Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled
- 554 — Tax Information for Older Americans
- 915 — Guide to Free Tax Services
- 915 — Social Security Benefits and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits

## Hospital offering free diabetes class

Kathy Haarmann, RN, BSN, patient education coordinator at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, will be part of the teaching team in a free Tax Charge of Your Diabetes class offered at SEMC.

The class will be held Thursday, Feb. 24, from 1 to 4 p.m., at SEMC's Collinsville Health Center, 800 St. Louis Road, in Collinsville. The class will include: a general overview of diabetes, symptoms, diabetes management, exercise, testing and complications of the condition.

A registered dietitian will present nutrition information related to diabetes, including information on sweeteners, fiber, label reading and fast foods. A pharmacist will speak on medications, including insulin and oral agents.

Diabetes is the number one cause of new blindness and the third-leading cause of death by disease in this country. You owe it to yourself to find out all you can.

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## Briefly

### Classes of '47 celebrate

Members of the January and June 1947 graduating classes of Granite City High School held a dinner party at Ralph and Charlie's Restaurant Jan. 29.

Attending were Charles and Mary Lee Herman, William and Scheron Boker, Gene and Dee Mankin, Maxine Nemeth, Shirley Yates, Nona Corzilius, Jean Hileman, George and Delores Vogler, George Plexach, Elizabeth Payne, Edna Jones, Dave and Cathy Evans, Elmer and Jean Dehn, Dorothy Larner and Marion Hamilos.

The next party will be held at 6 p.m. April 30 at Tony's Restaurant in Maryville. Anyone from either of the two classes who would like to attend, please call Charles Herman at 831-2429, Nona (Connors) Corzilius at 876-8414, or Dorothy (Schillinger) Kinney at 531-1346.

### Garden club gets thanks

The Clovevrius Garden Club held its January meeting at the home of Lois Cruse with six members present. The business meeting was called to order by the president, Veronica Williamson.

"The club collect was read by the group. Roll call was answered to 'name shrubs that attract birds.'"

Secretary Ruth Knapp read the minutes from the previous meeting and they were approved as read.

A thank-you note was received from Catholic Charities for the Christmas basket.

The group will continue for the year to care and visit three shut-ins at the Colonial Care Center who have no nearby families. Seventy-five more daffodils will be planted at the outdoor Severn on East Maryville Road.

The study was given by Lois Cruse from the book "Birds of North America." She chose the belted kingfisher.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Linda Irwin, 2801 Madison Ave.

### Retired secretaries donate

District 9 Retired Secretaries met for their monthly luncheon at Jessica's Cottage on Thursday, Feb. 3.

At the short business meeting, it was decided to give a monthly donation to the Kidney foundation in memory of Martha Rochester, a member who passed away recently.

A delightful lunch was then served to the following members: Millie Chandler, Lucie Stucke, Lucille Cabana, Vera Smolar, Barbara Larner, Marcelle Pilcher, Frieda Andrews, Harriet Mercer, Irene Hotscher, Gladys Wallace and Helen Favier.

A social hour followed lunch. The next meeting will be held at 1 p.m. at Jerry's Cafeteria Thursday, March 3. All retired secretaries are invited to attend.



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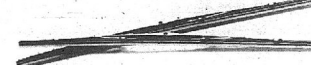
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# Silver Streak

## Tax-free investments prove attractive

The following column was written by Jeffrey Prosser of Edward D. Jones & Co., 452-5040. In his bid for the presidency, Bill Clinton made it clear that a tax increase was part of his economic plan. In fact, he proposed an increase in the top federal income tax bracket from today's 31 percent to 36 percent. For many investors, this could mean a substantial increase in taxes. No one wants to pay more than his fair share of the tax burden. That's why tax-free investments are becoming more attractive than ever. Tax-free investments can reduce the amount of taxable income you earn and lessen the impact of taxes.

### Tax-free Municipal Bonds

Tax-free municipal bonds allow you to earn interest that is free from federal taxes and, in some cases, state taxes as well. They've always been an attractive alternative for investors looking for tax-free income. However, an imminent tax increase has increased the demand for tax-free municipals.

Your investment in tax-free municipal bonds goes to finance various public projects like highways, hospitals, housing and public education. In return for your "loan," the issuer of the bond promises to return the face amount of the bond at a specified future date and to pay a fixed amount of interest income until that date. (These payments are

usually made semi-annually.)

This promise provides an attractive benefit for investors who like a high degree of safety as well as tax-free income. In addition, some municipal bonds carry insurance for the timely payment of principal and interest.

### Tax-free Unit Investment Trusts

A tax-free unit investment trust consists of a group of 10 to 30 individual municipal bonds that are selected by professionals and constantly monitored for credit quality. Rather than owning just one individual bond, a unit investment trust allows you to diversify among several issues with just one investment.

As you might expect, UIT's offer many of the same features as the individual bonds that make them up, but they also offer investors a choice of receiving income monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. In addition, the minimum investment required for unit investment trusts is less than that for individual bonds. Initial investments are usually in \$1,000 increments. State tax-free unit investment trusts are also available and pay income that is both federal and state tax-free for residents of that state.

A tax-free mutual fund is a portfolio consisting of bonds that are exempt from federal income tax. If the fund happens to be state specific, the income earned on it is exempt from state taxes for all residents of

that state who own it.

Mutual funds spread investors' dollars across a number of bonds for added diversification. In addition, they are managed by professional money managers with proven track records.

Investors can choose from flexible payment schedules and can have their interest reinvested in the mutual fund for the added benefit of compounding. Finally, most mutual funds will accept deposits as small as \$50, although slightly more is required to open an account.

### The Real Value

Although the interest rates on tax-free investments are generally lower than those on taxable investments, don't be put off. The most important consideration for investors should be after-tax return.

A couple in the 28 percent tax bracket, earning six percent on a tax-free investment today, would have to earn 8.3 percent on a taxable investment in order to achieve the same return. When you factor in state exemptions, the rate on a taxable investment would have to be even higher to match the after-tax return on a tax-free investment.

No matter what the administration has in store for taxpayers, the fact remains that tax-free investments like municipal bonds, tax-free unit investment trusts and tax-free mutual funds can play an important role in a diversified portfolio.



Nancy Hallows and Eula Meyers receive their 50-year pins.

## Two receive 50-plus year pins

The evening of Dec. 9 was a very special night for Juanita Rebekah Lodge 477 of Granite City. They had the honor of presenting two of the sisters, Nancy Hallows and Eula Meyers, with their 50-plus year pins.

The group had a wonderful night walking through the years from 1940 through 1993. They were reminded of things they had forgotten and some things maybe they would rather keep forgotten. They have each held practically every office in the lodge during those years and some offices twice and even a third time. They also held offices in the district during their reign.

They were presented with corsages of pink and green carnations, the Rebekah colors, and roses from members of their families. At the close of their fun history walk, they were presented with a beautiful 50-year pin and certificate of honor.

At the end of the program, another corsage of pink and green carnations, a pin and certificate were presented to sister Wilma Gilham for perfect attendance for the years 1991 through 1993. This was after Gilham had suffered a heart attack. She had really given the group a challenge to work toward.

## Surviving, thriving from adversity

From her extensive work counseling people who have suffered shattering losses, bereavement expert and best-selling author Dr. Ann Kaiser Stearns believes there are valuable lessons to be learned from studying the lives of those who have not merely survived but triumphed over adversity.

For three years, the noted Baltimore psychology professor and lecturer interviewed scores of "triumphant survivors" — the term she uses to describe individuals who emerge from a tragic loss or event "stronger and wiser than they were before the crisis event, who, as a result of great personal growth, have surpassed their former selves."

The inspiring stories of nearly 40 triumphant survivors — representing every kind of loss situation — eloquently unfold in Dr. Stearns' new book *Coming Back: Rebuilding Lives After Crisis and Loss* (Ballantine Books).

Dr. Stearns met many of the triumphant survivors while writing and touring the country with her 1984 best-seller, *Living Through Personal Crisis*. Described by Ann Landers as "the best all-purpose self-help book I have seen in years," it has sold almost one million copies and has been translated into several languages.

All subjects had to be at least four years from their loss. "It takes at least that amount of time to see if a person is going to rebuild successfully, because everybody struggles the first few years," Dr. Stearns says.



**Honored** — Liz Briggs, center, chairman of Region IV of the Illinois Hospital Association Council on Volunteers, presents IHA leadership awards to fellow St. Elizabeth Medical Center volunteers Joyce Albers, right, and Wanda Robb. The awards are given for outstanding leadership and service and in recognition of fulfilling education requirements of the IHA.

## Eta Alumnae Chapter meets

The regular monthly meeting of the Eta Alumnae Chapter, Phi Tau Omega Sorority was held Feb. 2 at Charlie's Restaurant and was hosted by Irene Hayes and Dorothy Johannmeier.

Eleven members attended the luncheon, preceding a short business meeting held by the president, Irene Hayes.

Card games were played and prizes were awarded to June Drew, Frances Hartman, Helen Hoelscher, Celestine Lucas, Elsie Rodell and Van Stuart.

Others attending, not mentioned above, were Marguerite Lexow, Ann Tatum and Mary Eyalnye Yenchow.

The next meeting will be held March 2 and will be hosted by Marguerite Lexow and Ruby Overbeck.

## Beta Gamma chapter makes donation

Members of Preceptor Beta Gamma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi donated to the International Disaster Fund as well as other funds sponsored by the sorority. Illinois personalities discussed were Marshall Field I, who donated money and land for the Field Museum of Natural History; and George Pullman, designer of the Pullman rail car.

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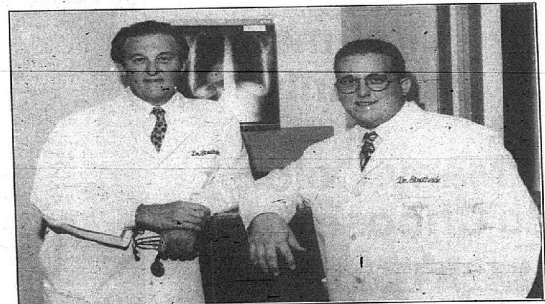
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## Junior Blues split pair with Michigan team

By Grant Peters  
Staff writer

It's a good thing the St. Louis Junior Blues weren't a baseball team with a lead Sunday afternoon.

Why? Because the club didn't have a closer. Or in hockey terms, a finisher. The Junior Blues raced up and down the ice Sunday in a North American Junior Hockey League game against the Down River (Mich.) Blades, but they simply faltered in putting the puck in the net and lost 3-2. The score wasn't quite as indicative of the game, though, as Down River scored three empty-net goals.

**THE VICTORY GAVE** the Blades a split of the two-game series. The Junior Blues won 4-2 Saturday.

"We outshoot them 48-32 today (Sunday), but we only get three goals," Junior Blues coach Craig Heggs said. "We didn't finish anything. When you get 48 shots, you have to bury at least five or six. It's that simple."

Sunday's game was also costly to the already injury-racked Junior Blues as red-hot winger Jeff Hayes went down with an undisclosed injury. He was pulled down on a breakaway attempt and fell awkwardly into the boards behind the net.

Hayes was the No. 1 star of Saturday's game with a goal and several other chances created by his blazing speed, and the Junior Blues' offense quickly diminished after he departed. It was determined after the game that he should be OK.

"Jeff was playing great hockey at the time, and we really missed his outside speed," Heggs said. "Our overall team speed dropped quite a bit when he left, and so did our offensive output."

IT WAS YET another setback for Heggs' club, which was already missing veterans Kris Riedy and Geoff Neidenbach to injuries. Leading scorer Craig Herweck and rookie defenseman Bob Gassoff both sat out with suspensions after an ugly third-period incident in Saturday's game, so the Junior Blues were short-handed Sunday.

"We just ended up wearing down, especially the defenseman because we only had four playing," Heggs said.

Nick Carosello, Craig Stecker, Andy Nea and Matt Feterman played well Sunday, but they simply ran out of gas because of the extra ice time.

Hayes, Jeff Medolla and Goclan

native Chris Goclan scored for the Junior Blues on Sunday.

While Hayes, Medolla, Nea and Jeff Bakker tallied goals in Saturday's victory.

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(Photo by T.W. MILLER)

Senior Jamie Cavaness closed out her career Tuesday with 27 points against Edwardsville.

## Park District accepting youth league sign-ups

The Granite City Park District is now taking sign-ups for boys and girls who want to play Park District youth baseball or pony-tail softball this year.

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## Alton

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"It's unfortunate and an embarrassment to me," said McAfoss, Alton's head coach the past 17 seasons. "There's no excuse for it. We can't overlook it."

Belleville West coach Bill Schmidt said he doesn't plan disciplinary action against any of his players.

"It was a very unfortunate situation that has no place in basketball," Schmidt said. "I hate to see it happen."

## Lady Warriors

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er bucket in overtime, had 14. "Those girls played their tails off," Vallino said. "Our guards got them the ball down low and they took care of the rest. Their aggressive play inside gave us three or four shots at the basket each time. It was the only way we were going to win."

But the Lady Warriors were their own worst enemy. Granite City struggled from the field and blew a 12-point lead late in the third quarter.

Leading 46-34, the Lady Warriors watched as Edwardsville put together an 11-2 run, narrowing the gap to three. Tina Kin-

der's three-pointer at the buzzer capped off the rally.

"We had a tremendous opportunity to pull away late in the third quarter, but we couldn't do it," Granite City coach David Weller said. "We kept relying on certain people to get the job done and that gave Edwardsville a second chance."

"It was a game we should have won, but we gave it away. Poor decisions, poor passing and poor defense led to our downfall. It was a sad way to end the season."

The victory moves Edwardsville into tonight's game at Belleville East. The Lancers routed Cahokia 72-20 Tuesday.

"This was a big confidence booster for us," Perdun said. "We've gone through a few rough spells this season, but we never gave up on ourselves. The underclassmen finally came into their own and we've been a much better team during the second half of the season."

Meanwhile, the Lady Warriors must set their sights on next season. "It was a tough way to go out," Weller said. "But I guess the kids were down mentally over the course of the long season. We were mentally prepared to play this game, but physically, we just didn't get the job done."

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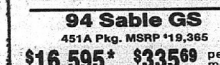
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## Warriors

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McCluer North players.

MONGO LED A 13-0 run with nine points to begin the quarter. With the score 52-38, the Warriors called time out at the 5:39 mark and Mosby returned to key a 4-0 run.

"Once (Mosby) got back in the game, all of that stopped," Van Buskirk said. "We knew they were capable of that. They have good athletes. Darren got back in and we scored nine straight points."

Mosby's return had a huge effect on the Warriors, who had trouble bringing the ball up court during his absence. Less than a minute after re-entering the game, Mosby converted a three-point play after receiving an extra shove from Josh Weinberg out of bounds on a driving layup.

"I have a lot of respect for him," Pechloff said. "He's a great lead guard. Successful teams have lead guards like Mosby. That's what we're missing."

Mongo, a shooting guard, scored 15 of the Stars' 20 points in the final quarter to help his team avoid a complete blowout. He had just six points in the first half.

"I THINK OUR pride was a little hurt," Pechloff said. "As

Craig Mongo goes, we go. But he started off pretty slow. His shot selection wasn't very good and he was putting a little too much on the floor a little too much. He pressed a little bit."

Granite City guard Chris Kult drew the assignment of guarding Mongo and helped contain the Stars' best player.

"Chris Kult had an off night offensively, but he contributed defensively and helped stop (Mongo)," Van Buskirk said. "I think our defense was good. I think we frustrated them."

Mongo scored more than half of his team's points. Meanwhile, the Warriors were able to turn to their bench late in the game and get production from twins Josh Zimmerman and Jacob Zimmerman. They scored Granite City's last two baskets of the game.

Granite City will go for its second straight win Friday when it visits Alton in a battle for third place in the Southwestern Conference. Both teams stand at 4-4 in conference play. The Warriors will try to avenge an 84-75 loss in overtime last month at Memorial Gymnasium.

Granite City's final regular-season game is Feb. 25 at home against Belleville West. The same two teams will meet again less than a week later, March 2, in a first-round regional game at Belleville West.

## Matmen

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36-7, rounds out the Warriors' powerful lower-weight trio. Fulkerson, Schooley, Beam and Buchek will all be newcomers to Champaign. But all four have been improving with each match this season.

Schooley (34-15) and Beam (29-14) are both first-year varsity wrestlers. Buchek, in his second year with the Warriors, is 30-10.

"This is the time to be hot," Garland said. "Beam's been wrestling tough since January. He beat two tough kids in the sectional to make it."

Granite City's trip to Geneseo was an experience that should help the team at Champaign. The Warriors went head-to-head with some of the top programs in the Midwest and placed fourth in a 12-team field.

The tournament gave the Warriors a sample of the caliber of wrestlers they will run into at state.

"That's why we went to Geneseo," Garland said. "I think it's helped us so far." No matter what the Warriors do this weekend, the season will be far from over. Granite City has advanced to the team sectional for the third straight year and will be host to Tuesday's Class AA dual-team sectional. The Warriors will wrestle Civic Memorial at 6:30 p.m. in the first round at Memorial Gymnasium.

## Madison Khoury to hold registration

The Madison Khoury League will begin player registration for the 1994 baseball season this month. Sign-up sessions for boys and girls will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and at 10 a.m. on Saturdays beginning Feb. 21 and ending March 21. There will be no registration March 7.

The registration fee is \$30 per child and may be paid at any sign-up session. The deadline for entry is March 21. League officials are also seeking volunteers to help with coaching, umpiring and concession duties. No experience is necessary. For more information, call Joe Garcia at 878-3735 or Scott Odom at 877-8329.

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## SPORTS

## • Venice

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ed Venice by himself, corralling a career-high 34 boards. Venice had 25 total.

But Lincoln's trapping press hurt Venice, which couldn't get the ball across halfcourt several times in the fourth period. And besides Ware's inside scoring, Venice couldn't capitalize on anything else offensively. The Red Devils were 24 of 65 (37 percent) from the floor.

"We just weren't hitting tonight," Harris said. "With (Ware) getting his game going inside we should have been able to open some things up, but we didn't."

The Red Devils, who trailed 13-9 after the opening period, outscored Lincoln 22-14 in the second quarter as Ware pumped in eight of his two dozen.

Venice was also aided by a technical foul on Horton, who missed a breakaway dunk and was whistled for hanging on the rim at 2:14 of the second quarter.

Instead of being up by four points, Lincoln trailed 28-25 after freshman Kevin Roberts sank two free throws and Brandon Burnett drilled a 3-pointer. Lewis sat Horton down for the rest of the half.

"If the game is tight you've got to lay the ball in the basket," Lewis said. "We've talked about it before and I explained (at halftime) to (Horton) that it was a seven-point play. That really angered me."

Horton, arguably the best point guard in the Metro East, got the message. The 6-3 senior poured in 11 third-quarter points and finished the game with 14 assists, eight steals and seven rebounds.

Lincoln, which scorched the Red Devils for 55 second-half points, showed why it is still one of the top teams in Southwestern Illinois — despite losing Caswell, who is again playing at East St. Louis Senior.

Before Lewis put in his reserves, the Tigers went strictly with a six-player rotation. Four players scored in double figures including junior August Hughes (17 points) and Moore and Antoine Macon, who each had a dozen.

When his team's defense is working correctly, Lewis is very confident that the Tigers can compete with any team.

"When the kids play it right, it can be beautiful," Lewis said. "Off the press Devon Patterson (eight points, 12 rebounds) did a really good job of getting some steals and we got easy baskets. That's what we're looking for."

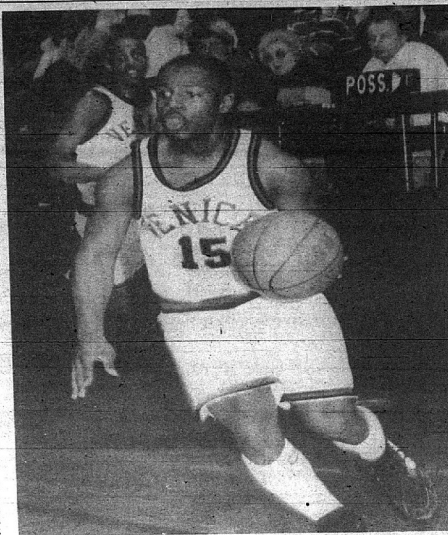
Lincoln scored the first four points of the second half to grab a 31-30 lead, but Venice came back on a basket by Ware and went up 34-31 on a putback by Edwin Barbee.

After a baseline drive by Horton and an empty trip for Venice, Moore scored on an offensive rebound with 4:39 left in the third quarter and Lincoln was on its way.

The Tigers made good on their close-range shots, hitting 27 of 50 in the second half and 39 of 77 (51 percent) for the game. Not even the return of point guard Wilbert Glasper could help the Red Devils.

Glasper, a senior, returned from a nine-game suspension for disciplinary reasons.

Venice, which played Gateway O'Fallon in a makeup game at home Wednesday night, will visit Sparta on Friday. The Red Devils will then begin the postseason with Tuesday's 6:30 p.m. game against Westcliff at the Belleville Althoff Class A Regional.



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Venice guard Wilbert Glasper returned to the lineup Tuesday night against Lincoln and had four points.

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All returning teams should also register, even if they are not able to pay the entry fee at this time. There may be limited openings.

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## •Juniors

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Heggs knew his club needed a sweep of the weekend series against Down River to have a realistic shot at catching league-leading Cleveland, but he's still pleased with the Junior Blues' 19-11-2 overall record thus far.

"We were hoping for a .500

record entering the season, so I'm pleased in terms of what our record is right now," Heggs said. "This is the third year in a row we've been in the hunt with a young hockey club, but we just can't let over the hump."

The Junior Blues play host to the high-flying Wayne Chiefs this weekend at Alton Ice Rink.

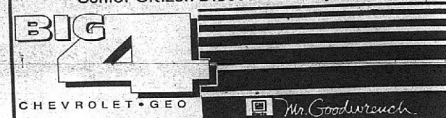
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93 Beretta	\$11,995	\$11,495
93 Cadillac	\$22,995	\$19,995
93 Buick Century	\$12,995	\$12,495
93 Chevy Lumina Euro	\$13,995	\$12,995
93 Olds Royale 4 Dr. Loaded	\$17,995	\$16,995
93 Olds Clera	\$12,995	\$11,995
93 Pontiac Sunbird	\$10,495	\$9,995
93 Chevy Caprice (2 available)	\$12,995	\$12,495
93 Chevy Cavalier (2 available)	\$10,995	\$9,495

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91 Mercury Grand Marquis	\$10,995	\$10,495
91 Chevy Cavalier 4 Dr. RS	\$7,995	\$7,495
91 Chevy Caprice Wagon	\$10,995	\$9,995
91 Pontiac Grand Prix	\$8,495	\$7,995

90 GEO Metro	\$4,495	\$3,495
90 Chevy Beretta	\$6,995	\$5,995
90 Buick Skylark	\$6,495	\$4,995
90 Chevy Corsica	\$5,995	\$4,995
89 Dodge Omni	\$4,495	\$3,995
88 Chevy Caprice	\$6,995	\$6,495
88 Ford Mustang	\$5,995	\$4,995

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93 Ford Mustang Hatchback	\$11,995	\$10,995
92 Chevy Corvette Convertible	\$32,995	\$27,995
92 Plymouth Laser	\$11,995	\$9,995
92 Mitsubishi 3000 GT	\$17,995	\$16,995
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90 Chevy Astro Van	\$10,995	\$10,495
89 Chevy Astro Van	\$9,495	\$8,995

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93 Suzuki Sidekick	\$13,995	\$12,995
93 Chevrolet S-10	\$10,995	\$10,495
92 Chevy Pick-Up	\$14,995	\$13,995
92 Chevrolet S-10	\$10,995	\$9,995
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## Church Women United hear request for volunteers

Helen Stumpe, president, led the devotion at the monthly meeting of Church Women United on Jan. 27 at Central Christian Church.

Reports were given by chairpersons of many projects organized and funded by this organization. An announcement was made that the coordinated youth office has moved its headquarters to 2016 Madison Ave.

Volunteers are needed to help at Protestant Welfare and Phoenix Crisis Center. The group's prayers are requested for women at Dwight Prison.

World Day of Prayer will be on Friday, March 4, at St. Peter United Church of Christ. Registration will be held at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Dorothy Kinney is the chairperson.

On April 10, CWU will hold its annual "Music, Music" program at the Narnock United Methodist church from 2 to 4 p.m. Singing groups from many churches in the Quad-Cities area will perform. Mae Lee is the chairperson. Advance ticket purchases will cost \$2.

The next board meeting will be held on Feb. 24 at the Central Christian Church.

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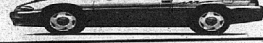


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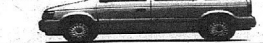
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## FAMILY

## Russell-Crane

Heather Crane, daughter of Gary and Carole Crane of Granite City, and Matthew Russell, son of Bill and Judy Russell of Granite City, were married May 15, 1993, at the Fairview Heights Church of God by the Rev. Kevin Summers.

The maid of honor was Wendy Crane, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Alison O'Toole, sister of the bride; Amy Russell, sister of the groom; Suzanne Boreau, cousin of the bride; Deirdre Baggett; and Rob in Biggs.

The best man was Bill Russell, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Tim O'Toole, brother-in-law of the bride; Justin Range, cousin of the groom; Nathan Crane, brother of the bride; Paul Berry; and Rob Canada.

The candle lighters were Ty DeToussie, nephew of the bride; and Lauren Crane, cousin of the groom.

The flower girl was Catlin O'Toole, niece of the groom. The ushers were Bob and



Matthew and Heather Russell

Steve Shaw, cousins of the groom.

Don Stratton was the soloist. A reception was held at Engelbert Hall, Madison.

The bride is a junior at Middle Tennessee State University, majoring in social science.

The groom is a senior at Middle Tennessee State University, majoring in record-industry management.

Following a honeymoon in Myrtle Beach, S.C., the couple moved to Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## Woehrl-Fairchild

Christine Marie Woehrl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Woehrl of Mitchell, and Joseph Fairchild have announced their engagement.

Woehrl is a 1993 graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville with a degree in nursing and is currently working at Jewish Hospital, St. Louis.

Fairchild is a 1989 graduate of St. Louis University with a degree in business. He is a credit manager at Famous-Barr.

The couple is planning a Nov. 26 wedding.



Christine Woehrl and Melvin Fairchild

## Esther Circle general meeting

Niedringhaus United Methodist Church Esther Circle held its February meeting on the third at the home of Louise Potillo. Florence Stewart opened the meeting with a prayer. Potillo gave the lesson on "Here To Serve Us." She also gave the Least Coin, "What My Christian Faith Means To Me." Upcoming events and other matters were discussed. Stewart closed the meeting with a prayer.

Those attending were Marcia Liewiance, Mary Rowland, Shirley Lane, Ella Davies, Karen Amberuehl, Alice Bost, Kathleen Offit, Jennifer Offit, Denise Burris, Florence Stewart, Norma Chesterman, Judy Liewiance, Leona Bell and Louise Potillo. A general meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Niedringhaus United Methodist Church parlor. Everyone is welcome.

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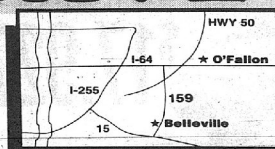
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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Watch for the chance to take part in a new project that increases your opportunities for future. Finances are on your mind — use a little pizzazz, and you won't have to overextend to make a good impression.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). An inner conflict between solitude and socializing can be resolved by having the social event at your house. Kids need special attention. Ignore anyone whose influence is negative, and stick to your own views.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23). Lots of affection from one who really cares has given you a new way of seeing many aspects of life. A family member makes a power play and looks horns with you, but your tolerant attitude wins in the end.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 17). So many chances lie ahead, but first, finish current projects. March and April are favorable for meeting goals. Pursue new possibilities throughout the summer. Return to school in September — you may fall in love with a

teacher! October is great for honeymoons and long trips. The end of November brings a promotion at work or an elective office. Love comes to your door.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A loyal partner may now become a romantic prospect. Married partners rediscover the ties that bind them. There's lots of talk, but don't believe all the rumors around you. A special rapport is available with children.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Strengthen bonds with your co-workers. Your boss may provide a special reward for extra effort. Dinner with your family has a special glow of togetherness. One who used to be stubbornly opposed finally agrees with you.

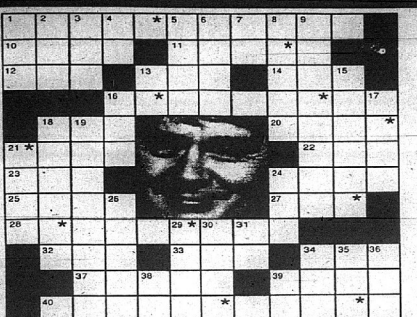
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The realization that infatuation may have turned to love makes the whole world different to you. Don't believe all the rumors you hear at work. Keep silent with others, but pour it all out in private by writing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A cooperative venture works out well. Be sure of your ground before coming to a conclusion. Be careful of your moves with a sensitive relative or co-worker. Loyal friendships are the keys to success now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). An intelligent helper is found to fill in the gaps. Be optimistic and cheerful, and others will respond by giving you your way. Kick back and relax tonight — just thinking about nothing may give rise to the best idea of all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Say yes to an invitation for weekend fun with someone who cares more than you think. An inheritance or legal settlement is on its way, and all you have to do is wait. Tonight, recharge your inner batteries in solitude.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Set an example of humanitarian concern and personal warmth. Social activities or a family get-together tonight will bring much affection into your life. Creative energies are freed by the love you show others.



The identity of the featured performer is found within the answers in the puzzle. To take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

## ACROSS

1. CBS' AM show (2)
10. Jackie, to D.J. & Darlene
11. Actress/columnist
12. Undergarment
13. Alphabetic trio
14. Drs. org.
16. See 4 Down
18. One-quarter of M
20. Director/producer
21. Premiering
22. Hitchcock movie
23. Barnyard resident
24. Hockey star Bobby
25. Dumbo's features
26. Here to Eternity: 1979-80 war drama
27. Messy place
28. John Stamos' series (2)
29. # of siblings for John
30. Boy Walton
31. Initials for author
32. Maupham
33. One who sells vowels for \$250
34. Role on Frasier
35. Ms. McEntire
36. Walker, Chuck
37. Norris series

## DOWN

1. Hunter
2. Ben; 1959 Charlton
3. Flash; instantly
4. With 16 Across, '80s drama set in a hospital
5. Electrical units
6. Auberjonois of Deep Space Nine
7. Angie Dickinson's state of birth: abbr.
8. Lana Turner's birthplace
9. Turner; quiz show
10. Initials for the star of Alice
11. Blood carrier
12. Building wing
13. Long periods
14. White cloud
15. Laura Ingalls' ma
16. Tip one's hat
17. Suffix for Nepal & Japan
18. 925 years ago
19. Has debts
20. Yakov Smirnoff's birthplace: abbr.
21. Initials for Danson's role
22. Cass or Lee, for short
23. Vignola of Barney Miller
24. Street paver's need
25. Abbr. in the title of Susan Rutland's recent series
26. Doctor's asst.



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